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- ☒ [X] 23 Sheets of drawings, Figures 1 - 30 ☒ [X] Formal ☐ [] Informal
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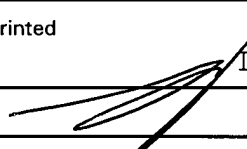
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